Featured Presentations!

Ensuring Effective Treatment for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder Who Cause Harm

Presented by: Kim Spence, Ph.D.

Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who commit sexual harm present unique treatment needs often not adequately addressed by standardized assessments, treatment recommendations, community-based programs, or secured settings. Drawing on 30 years of clinical experience supporting individuals and families with ASD, the presenter will provide an overview of ASD with a particular emphasis on the identification of common maladaptive behaviors related to ASD as well as current peer-reviewed literature illustrating behavioral trends related to sexual misconduct. Utilizing a variety of case examples, the presenter will assist attendees in identifying challenging behavior frequently demonstrated by those with ASD that is a manifestation of their restricted interest areas versus those with comorbid paraphilic disorder(s) and will offer suggestions regarding assessment and individualized treatment planning. Targeted intervention strategy development and how to locate appropriate ancillary services within your community will also be discussed.

Trauma Sucks and So Do You!

Presented by: Veronique Valliere, Ph.D.

Trauma can make victims reactive, defensive, and irritable. Often, helpers can be the target of the anger and fear that the victim is experiencing, making dealing with victims sometimes trying and frustrating. Trauma will be discussed, as will the benefits the offender gets out of the victim's trauma. This training will provide information on how trauma impacts attachment, response to conflict, intimacy, and our efforts to help the traumatized individual.

Sexual Abuse and IDD; Where are we? Where are we going? And are we even close?

Presented by: Robert Krome, MEd

This presentation will provide participants with an overview of the effects of trauma on the general population, as well as individuals diagnosed with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Trauma has a profound effect on all persons but seems to especially be prevalent within individuals with IDD. Through the review of existing literature and research, this presentation will guide participants in understanding victimization and perpetration rates of folks with and without IDD. It may also challenge the field of treating problematic sexual behaviors with a discussion of ways to improve and support individuals with IDD.



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